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1. WIRES

SCHWEID IN JERUSALEM REPORTED HAK "FLEW INTO ISRAEL TODAY ON FIRST STOP OF HIS NEW ME PEACE QUEST AMID HEAVIEST SECURITY EVER ACCORDED A VISITING DIGNITARY."

SCHWEID QUOTED HAK ON ARRIVAL THAT "PRESIDENT FORD HAS SENT ME HERE TO PROVIDE STRONGEST POSSIBLE U.S. SUPPORT FOR PROGRESS TOWARDS PEACE. GAP IN NEGOTIATIONS HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY NARROWED BY CONCESSIONS ON BOTH SIDES. I FT ISRAEL LAST MARCH WITH A HEAVY HEART FEARING THAT STILL ANOTHER HORRIBLE TRAGEDY WAS IN STORE FOR PEOPLE OF ISRAEL ANDM.E. I RETURN TODAY WITH SAME CONCERN, BUT WITH RENEWED HOPE THAT A STRONG DESIRE FOR PEACE WILL PREVAIL... I KNOW RELATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE U.S. HAVE GONE THROUGH A DIFFICULT PERIOD. THIS HAS ENDED AND WE HAVE EMERGED FROM OUR DIALOGUE STRENGTHENED."

HAK SAID PEACE DEPENDED ON MANY FACTORS AND BOTH ISRAEL AND UNCLASSIFIED

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EGYPT MUST MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS ,SCHWEID WROTE,AND QUOTED

HAK FURTHER THAT "AT THE SAME TIME WE KNOW VERY WELL THAT ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL INGREDIENTS OF PEACE MUST BE STEAD-

FASTNESS OF AMERICAN-ISRAELI RELATIONSHIP. IT IS THIS SPIRIT THAT WE WILL BE CONDUCTING OUR DISCUSSION WITH YOUR GOVERNMENTAL LEADERS, AS EQUALS JOINED IN COMMUNAL OBJECTIVE OF ACHIEVING PRACTICAL PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE IN M.E., AS FRIENDS WHO ONLY WANT THE BEST FOR EACH OTHER, AS PARTNERS TOWARD THE GOAL OF PEACE WHICH NO PEOPLE WANT MORE AND DESERVE MORE THAN PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, WHOSE HEROISM AND SUFFERING HAVE CREATED AND PRESERVED THEIR STATE. WE CAN BOTH SAY WITH PRIDE THAT TALKS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO SECURITY OF ISRAEL, IN STRENGTHENING OF U.S.-ISRAELI RELATIONS IN M.E. AND TO PEACE IN THE M.E.

UPI'S GROWALD SAID HAK ARRIVED TONIGHT WITH HIGH HOPES THAT HIS SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY WOULD ACHIEVE A NEW ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT AND A WARNING THAT FAILURE COULD MEAN A NEW M.E. WAR.

A SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL IN HIS PARTY REPORTED GROWALD, SAID PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE ON ALL PROBLEMS BLOCKING A PEACE PACT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT AND THAT CHANCES WERE GOOD THAT A NEW INTERIM PEACE SETTLEMENT COULD BE REACHED IN ABOUT TEN DAYS.

HIGH OFFICIAL SAID IF THIS MISSION FAILS, AS DID HAK'S EFFORTS IN MARCH, A DRIFT TOWARD A FIFTH ARAB-ISRAELI WAR WILL SPEED UP VERY GREATLY, STORY SAID, AND WENT ON:

"SENIOR OFFICIAL TOLD REPORTERS ACCOMPANYING HAK THAT ALL REMAINING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT HAD BEEN WHITTLED DOWN IN NEGOTIATIONS IN PAST TWO MONTHS.

"HE LISTED THESE PRIME REMAINING PROBLEMS:

--HOW FAR ISRAEL WILL WITHDRAW ITS FORCES IN SINAI DESERT IT SEIZED FROM EGYPT IN 1967 M.E. WAR. OFFICIAL SAID PRINCIPLES HAD BEEN AGREED UPON BUT VITAL SPECIFICS NEED WORKING OUT.

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--ISRAEL WILL GIVE UP EGYPTIAN ABU RUDEIS OILFIELDS IN SINAI. OFFICIAL SAID, HOWEVER, THAT DETAILS NEED FIXING.

ONE SUCH DETAIL IS WHAT ACCESS ROAD ISRAEL WILL HAVE TO OIL FIELDS AND WHAT ROUTE ISRAELI FORCES WILL HAVE TO THEIR BASTION AT SHARM EL SHEIKH AT SOUTHERN TIP OF DESERT.

--HOW U.S., EGYPT AND ISRAEL WOULD MAN PEACE WATCHDOG EARLY WARNING STATIONS BETWEEN TWO SIDES OF NEW SINAI FRONTIERS. SENIOR OFFICIAL SAID QUESTION WAS NOT WHETHER

AMERICAN TECHNICIANS FOR ELECTRONIC WARNING SYSTEM WOULD BE USED, BUT TO WHAT EXTENT.

"WHITE HOUSE IN WASHINGTON QUIETLY HAS SOUNDED OUT SOME 20 OR MORE CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS ON WHETHER LAWMAKERS WOULD APPROVE STATIONING AMERICANS BETWEEN ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN ARMIES, THE OFFICIAL SAID.

"HE SAID CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS SAID LAWMAKERS, ALTHOUGH NOT ENTHUSIASTIC, WOULD OKAY SMALL U.S. WATCHDOG TEAMS."

STORY ALSO QUOTED ARRIVAL REMARKS CONTAINED IN SCHWEID PIECE.

REUTER'S JOHN CHADWICK FROM JERUSALEM SAID HAK ARRIVED IN JERUSALEM BY HELICOPTER TONIGHT, AMID ULTRA-TIGHT SECURITY PRECAUTIONS, TO START HIS NEW M.E. PEACE MISSION. DECISION TO FLY HAK TO JERUSALEM BY HELICOPTER, CHADWICK SAID. SURPRISED PROTESTERS WAITING TO DEMONSTRATE AGAINST HIS VISIT AND AGAINST A PROPOSED INTERIM AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT, AND ADDED: "ON ARRIVAL AT BEN GURION AIRPORT, DR. K. SOUGHT TO REASSURE ISRAEL THAT PROPOSED INTERIM AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT WOULD NOT JEOPARDIZE ITS SECURITY.

"IN AN UNUSUALLY LENGTHY STATEMENT, HE TOLD REPORTERS PRESIDENT FORD HAD SENT HIM ON HIS MISSION 'WITH STRONGEST POSSIBLE U. S. SUPPORT TO PROTECT ISRAEL'S SECURITY'."

2. TELEVISION

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ABC EVENING NEWS, 7 MINUTES INTO PROGRAM:
HKSMITH: SECSTATE HAK BEGAN HIS LATEST M.E. SHUTTLE TODAY IN ISRAEL. HE ARRIVED UNDER EXTREMELY HEAVY SECURITY, FOLLOWING REPORTS OF A POSSIBLE ASSASSINATION PLOT AND HIGHLY VOCAL OPPOSITION INSIDE ISRAEL TO THE LATEST ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN PEACE PLAN.

KOPPEL: KISSINGER'S VERY PRESENCE HERE TODAY REPRESENTS A PERSONAL VINDICATION OF SORTS. IT WAS HIS STEP-BY-STEP DIPLOMACY WHICH FAILED LAST MARCH, AND IT REQUIRED A PECULIAR BLEND OF PATIENCE, AND BEHIND-THE-SCENES PRESSURE TO CONVINCE ALL THE PARTIES THAT THE ALTERNATIVES, LIKE THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, WERE EVEN LESS LIKELY TO SUCCEED.

HAK: NOW, FIVE MONTHS LATER, THE GAP IN THE NEGOTIATIONS HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY NARROWED, BY CONCESSIONS ON BOTH SIDES. I KNOW ALSO THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE U.S. HAVE GONE THROUGH A DIFFICULT PERIOD. THIS HAS ENDED, AND WE HAVE EMERGED FROM OUR DIALOGUE STRENGTHENED IN OUR FRIENDSHIP AND DETERMINED COMMON POLICIES.

KOPPEL: THIS AGREEMENT WILL CALL FOR AN UNPRECEDENTED AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL -- BILLIONS IN ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID, AND THE DIRECT INVOLVEMENT OF AT LEAST SOME U.S. CITIZENS. HAK BELIEVES THAT CONGRESS WILL GIVE ITS APPROVAL, BUT HE ALSO CLEARLY FEELS THAT AMERICA WILL HAVE PURCHASED THE RIGHT TO A COORDINATED M.E. POLICY WITH ISRAEL, A VERY POLITE WAY OF SAYING THAT THE U.S. IS NOT ABOUT TO LET ISRAEL JEOPARDIZE OTHER AMERICAN INTERESTS IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD.

EVEN AS THINGS STAND, THERE REMAINS A CONSIDERABLE HARD CORE OF OPPOSITION TO KISSINGER AND HIS POLICIES HERE IN ISRAEL. ANTI-KISSINGER DEMONSTRATIONS FLARED THROUGHOUT JERUSALEM THIS EVENING. ALTHOUGH HIS ARRIVAL, PROTECTED BY MASSIVE SECURITY FORCES, WAS UNEVENTFUL, KISSINGER'S SCHEDULED DEPARTURE FOR DINNER WITH PM RABIN THIS EVENING WAS DELAYED FOR ALMOST AN HOUR. DEMONSTRATORS BLOCKING INTERSECTIONS ALONG THE ROUTE HAD TO BE FORCIBLY REMOVED BY POLICE. ALMOST BY DEFINITION, THOUGH, DIPLOMATIC UNCLASSIFIED

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NEGOTIATIONS COMMAND LESS ATTENTION THAN STREET DEMONSTRATIONS. NEVERTHELESS, KISSINGER'S MISSION THIS TIME APPEARS HEADED FOR SUCCESS.

NBC'S BROKAW: SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER WAS MET BY PROTESTERS WHEN HE ARRIVED IN ISRAEL TODAY TO WORK OUT FINAL DETAILS OF AN INTERIM PEACE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT. THOUSANDS OF DEMONSTRATORS WERE IN THE STREETS OF JERUSALEM PROTESTING TERMS OF PROPOSED DEAL WITH EGYPT, WHICH HAS BEEN APPROVED BY ISRAELI GOVT. KISSINGER IS EXPECTED TO RECEIVE A FAR WARMER RECEPTION WHEN HE GOES TO EGYPT.

VALERIANI: EXTRAORDINARY SECURITY MEASURES WERE IN EFFECT BECAUSE OF THREAT OF ARAB TERRORISM AND ANTI-KISSINGER DEMONSTRATIONS BY ISRAELIS OPPOSED TO TERMS OF A NEW SINAI AGREEMENT. ALL MAJOR ISSUES OF AGREEMENT HAVE ALREADY BEEN SETTLED IN PRINCIPLE, AND HAK'S MISSION IS TO SPEED UP PROCESS OF WORKING OUT FINAL DETAILS. AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SEVERELY CRITICIZED HERE AS A ONE-SIDED DEAL WHICH ENDANGERS ISRAELI SECURITY. HAK IMMEDIATELY SOUGHT TO COUNTER THAT CRITICISM BY PREPARING A LENGTHY ARRIVAL STATEMENT, WHICH HE CAREFULLY READ, RATHER THAN AD-LIBBING IT AS HE USUALLY DOES.

HAK: THE GAP IN NEGOTIATIONS HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY NARROWED, BY CONCESSIONS ON BOTH SIDES. ISRAEL'S CONTRIBUTION REFLECTS, NOT A WEAKENED RESOLVE, BUT CONVICTION THAT ISRAEL'S STRENGTH, TO WHICH WE HAVE CONTRIBUTED AND TO WHICH WE SHALL CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE, GIVES IT POSSIBILITY TO DEDICATE ITSELF TO PEACE WITHOUT FEAR.

VALERIANI: HAK WAS THEN FLOWN TO JERUSALEM BY HELICOPTER, ANOTHER SECURITY PRECAUTION. HAK PLANS TO GIVE A SPEECH AT THE UNITED NATIONS ON SEPTEMBER 1, AND HE HOPES THAT EGYPT AND ISRAEL WILL HAVE COME TO TERMS BY THEN. BUT HE'S LEAVING OPEN POSSIBILITY THAT HE MIGHT COME BACK TO AREA, AFTER HIS UN SPEECH IF NECESSARY, SO THAT NEITHER SIDE WILL BE TEMPTED TO TRY TO WANGLE ANY LAST-MINUTE CONCESSIONS UNDER PRESSURE OF AN ARTIFICIAL DEADLINE. TONIGHT, GROUPS OF DEMONSTRATORS STAGED ANTI-KISSINGER UNCLASSIFIED

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PROTESTS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS OF JERUSALEM. BUT THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED WITHIN SHOUTING DISTANCE OF SECRETARY. HAK ATTENDED A DINNER AT ISRAELI PARLIAMENT. OCCASION WAS MOSTLY SOCIAL, SINCE HE DOES NOT LIKE TO PLUNGE INTO TOUGH NEGOTIATIONS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING A LONG, TIRING FLIGHT. HE'LL CONFER WITH PM RABIN AND HIS TOP AIDES TOMORROW AND THEN FLY TO EGYPT WITH NEWEST ISRAELI NEGOTIATING PROPOSALS.

CBS' MUDD: SECSTATE HAK ARRIVED IN ISRAEL TODAY FOR WHAT HE HOPES WILL BE FINAL ROUND OF TALKS ON A SINAI PEACE AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, ANGRY ISRAELIS GREETED HIS ARRIVAL BY STEPPING UP DEMONSTRATIONS TO SHOW THEIR MISTRUST.

BERNARD KALB: SECURITY FOR HAK WAS TIGHTEST EVER, A REFLECTION OF GOVT'S RECOGNITION OF WIDESPREAD SUSPICION OF SECRETARY, AND HAK IN HIS ARRIVAL REMARKS SOUGHT TO BLUNT THAT SUSPICION. HE TALKED ABOUT CLOSE U.S.-ISRAELI TIES AND WHAT WAS INVOLVED IN STRIVING FOR PEACE.

HAK: WE BELIEVE THAT RISKS OF INACTION ARE GRAVEST OF ALL. I KNOW ALSO THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND U.S. HAVE GONE THROUGH A DIFFICULT PERIOD. THIS HAS ENDED.

KALB: FROM AIRPORT HAK HELICOPTERED TO JERUSALEM. NO LIMOUSINE THIS TIME TO AVOID RUNNING INTO ANTI-KISSINGER DEMONSTRATIONS ALONG 45-MINUTE DRIVE. THE BEST-ORGANIZED PROTEST: AT ENTRANCE TO JERUSALEM BY ISRAELI HAWKS WHO SEE HAK AS SYMBOLIZING WHAT THEY REGARD AS HEAVY U.S. PRESSURE ON ISRAEL TO MAKE TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS TO EGYPT. THESE ISRAELIS HAVE NO FAITH IN POLITICAL PROMISES WHICH EGYPT IS TRADING FOR REAL ESTATE IN SINAI. ANOTHER

PROTEST IN FORM OF THESE SPECIALLY-PRINTED COPIES OF U.S. HUNDRED DOLLAR BILLS, DISTRIBUTED BY A STUDENT GROUP WHICH SAYS IT PRINTED THREE BILLION DOLLARS WORTH, THE AMOUNT OF AID ISRAEL IS HOPING TO GET FROM WASHINGTON. THEIR CHARGE: THAT HAK IS BUYING JERUSALEM'S CONSENT TO WHAT THEY SEE AS A THREAT TO ISRAEL. HAK HIMSELF SPENT EVENING AT A RECEPTION GIVEN BY ISRAELI LEADERS. SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY

WILL BEGIN TOMORROW, FIRST IN JERUSALEM WITH PM RABIN,
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LATER IN DAY WITH PRESIDENT SADAT IN ALEXANDRIA.

MUDD: HAK'S DEPARTURE FROM RECEPTION WAS DELAYED AS
DEMONSTRATORS BLOCKED BUILDING'S EXITS. AS SECRETARY
LEFT, A FEW PROTESTERS BROKE THROUGH POLICE LINES AND
POUNDED ON HIS CAR. MAW

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